

Allen Owen, Mayor
Eunice Reiter, Mayor Pro Tem
Jerry Wyatt, Councilmember
Barbara Gibson, Councilmember



Buddy Jimerson, Councilmember
Brett Kolaja, Councilmember
Cynthia Gary, Councilmember
Caroline Kelley, City Attorney
Frank Simpson, City Manager
Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in special session **Monday, April 6, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall, Second Floor (Behind Council Chambers), 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, to consider the following:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Owen called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Reiter, Councilmembers Wyatt, Jimerson, Kolaja, Gary, and Gibson; City Manager Simpson, City Attorney Kelley and City Secretary Fogarty. Assistant City Manager Atkinson, First Assistant City Attorney Smith, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Elmer, Assistant Director of Public Works Valiante, and Media Relations Manager Faber.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Texas State Legislative Session update.

Mayor Owen discussed HOAs and legislation. City Manager Simpson stated that they are trying to reduce the power HOAs currently have. City Manager Simpson added that Texas Legislature is advocating to control local sprinkler systems. Simpson stated that Sienna is trying to expand their district with a parking garage; also that Sienna MUDS 4, 5, 6, and 7 do not have road powers and have filed bills to obtain road power. The City of Stafford has filed a bill in regards to losing money from local businesses. Simpson then turned the floor to Councilmember Reiter so she could discuss the current HGAC bill proposals in regards to excluding Galveston and Brazoria Counties. Director Reiter stated that Mario Gallegos attended an HGAC meeting to protest an action whereby the State cut funding in his district. Gallegos was furious and threaten with retribution, which is now doing by trying to destroy HGAC. Director Reiter added that Mr. Gallegos started a bill divorcing Houston from HGAC and has started yet another bill divorcing Brazoria County. City Secretaries will be giving testimony regarding a bill on run-off elections. City Secretary Fogarty stated that the legislators are trying to change the election date from May to November. Timing is not the issue according to City Secretary Fogarty, who stated she is afraid the City's items would be "lost" on a long ballot, because they would be placed towards the end. City Manager Simpson commented that in regards to the Enterprise Fund, the letter was signed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

(b) Staff update on City Budget Development for Fiscal Year ending 2010.

City Manager Simpson stated that according to the Director of Finance Vela, the City is at a 2-3 percent increase in total value. Sales tax on the current budget is growing, but revenues are still relatively flat. Vela estimates the City might only be \$400,000 over for this upcoming budget. City Manager Simpson recommended an average of 3 percent impact on budget. During the first meeting of May, the preliminary budget will be presented. Mayor Owen inquired if the City has received any refunds from FEMA. City Manager Simpson stated not yet, but that proper documentation has been filed.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary